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Melton, Daley win All-USA First Team honors

Moriah Vierkant
photo editor

Sophomores Jamie Melton and Adam Daley won two of 20 places on the 1997 All-USA Community and Junior College Academic First Team.

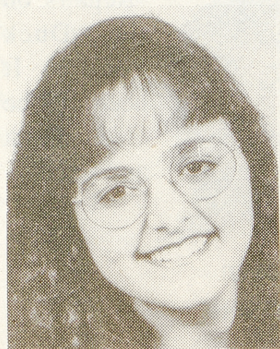
The two PTK officers advanced from the All-State Academic first team.

The pair will address their peers and the public at commencement at 10 a.m. on May 10 in Wagstaff Gymnasium.

TJC is the only junior or community college in the nation to have both its student nominees make the First Team.

"We're extremely proud of Jamie and Adam," TJC President Dr. William R. Crowe said. "Their selection to the

First Team speaks well of their hard work, both academically and in service to the



surrounding community."

Of 1,400 national nominees, only 63 earned spots on first, second and third-teams.

Journalism major Melton, Whitehouse High School graduate, plans to teach when she completes bachelors and

masters degrees from Texas A&M University.

Melton has edited both the TJC News and the annual literary magazine, the TJC Touchstone, both years at TJC. She also created and edited the Texas Nutrition Institute's patient newsletter.

She is service vice president for Alpha Omicron, the TJC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and a member of the TJC Volunteers Association. Melton, who was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges in 1996, has the Walden P. "Red" Little Presidential Scholarship for journalism.

Sports medicine major Daley plans to work in physi-

cal therapy after he earns a BA.

He earned an AA degree in general studies last year and plans to continue study here, he said.

Daley has worked with



Students Talking About Reality, delivering HIV/AIDS presentations to students and staff. He is active in Student

Senate, the Society of Physics Students, the TJC Volunteers Association and EXCEL peer tutoring Program.

He volunteers for the Association of Retarded Citizens, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, PATH, Coats for Kids and the Salvation Army, and won the Watson Wise Incentive Award last year.

Eight TJC students have now been named to the team since the American Association of Community Colleges, Phi Theta Kappa and USA Today started the awards in 1990.

"We feel blessed to have had students receive such prominent national recognition," Alpha Omicron Sponsor Judy Turman said.

Final Exam Schedule

Classes Start	Exam time
Mon., May 5	
7 a.m. MWF	8 to 9:50 a.m.
9 a.m. MWF	10 to 11:50 a.m.
11 a.m. MWF	1 to 2:50 p.m.
1 p.m. MWF	3 to 4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. M	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
5:35 p.m. MW	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
7 p.m. M	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
7 p.m. MW	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
Tues., May 6	
7 a.m. TR	8 to 9:50 a.m.
9:50 a.m. TR	10 to 11:50 a.m.
12:40 a.m. TR	1 to 2:50 p.m.
2:05 p.m. TR	3 to 4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. T	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
5:35 p.m. TR	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
7 p.m. T	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
7 p.m. TR	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
Wed., May 7	
8 a.m. MWF	8 to 9:50 a.m.
10 a.m. MWF	10 to 11:50 a.m.
12 p.m. MWF	1 to 2:50 p.m.
2 p.m. MWF	3 to 4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. W	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
7 p.m. W	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
7 p.m. MW	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
Thurs., May 8	
8:25 a.m. TR	8 to 9:50 a.m.
11:15 a.m. TR	10 to 11:50 a.m.
3 p.m. TR	1 to 2:50 p.m.
3:30 p.m. TR	3 to 4:50 p.m.
5:35 & 6 p.m. R	5:35 to 7:25 p.m.
7 p.m. R	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.
8:25 p.m. TR	7:35 to 9:25 p.m.

Students vote to give up freedoms

Moriah Vierkant
photo editor

Earlier this month 97 students, 74 from TJC and 23 from area high schools, completed ballots to select which First Amendment freedom they would give up if they had to sacrifice one to save the others.

Freedom of the Press is less important than the others with 40 voting to give it up.

"I don't feel telling the world about bad things is such a good idea," Chapel Hill student Sarah Henson said.

Freedom of Speech ranks most important, with only four students willing to give it up.

"Speech and press are related to one another ... printed word carries more weight and effect," Myra Foley said.

Freedom of Assembly, which allows Americans to gather for sports events, worship, school and meetings, was least important to 22.

"The main reason people assemble is to exercise one of the other rights," high schooler Danielle Martinez said.

Freedom of Petition 13 students would give up because they do not wish to question governmental authority.

"Our government is self-sufficient," Saleh Jabr said. "They pay no attention to our grievances."

Freedom of Religion only seven students would give up.

"No matter what religion the government tried to force

upon you, they could never make you believe," Deanne Ferguson said.

Eleven refused to sacrifice any freedoms.

"These rights are intertwined. The loss of one will result in the loss of all," an unidentified student said.

High schoolers chose assembly and TJC students chose free press as least important.



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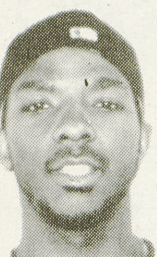
Bertice Berry spoke to students April 17 about eliminating prejudice in American society. See story page 3.

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Regina Rosborough
page editor

"If you could change anything about this semester what would it be?"

Issa
Balogun

"This semester I haven't hit the books at all"

Johanna
Gutierrez

"I would change extra-curricular activities for students who stay here on the weekend"

Robbie
Nichols

"I would work more and party less"

Nicole
Cumby

"Allowing students to park anywhere"

Kevin
Gibson

"Repairs on the Duck Pond. It needs to be cleaned out and fixed"

Maggie
Barbalena

"Less Procrastinating and more time consuming"

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God teaches valuable lessons

Jamie Melton
editor-in-chief

People are dense. It often takes years to learn the basic "facts of life," even though parents preach them continuously. Some will be forced into maturity early in life, but most of us are stubborn enough to have to experience events before we accept these ideas.

This semester, many such events occurred in my life. I made the mistake of listening to others who said I was too naive and thus prayed for God

to show me what I have missed in my sheltered life. He did.

First, I learned honesty really is the best policy. If a person must "stretch the truth" to receive recognition, that praise is not worth having.

Second, he taught me to choose my fights carefully and not waste time on minor issues.

That the thought was expanded when he said if something is worth fighting for, go at it with all the might and

passion the heart possesses.

I learned mentors are wonderful to have when questions arise, but their opinions should not be taken as fact. Rather they should be used to gear the mind to think for itself.

He showed me that faith must run deeper than what is preached on Sunday mornings. True faith is often found in silent prayer, away from others. God is always there to see his children through. It is we who stray.

Finally, he wrapped all these little lessons up in a pretty box and taught me the largest idea of all: stay on the path he has lit and he will be there, too.

As some of us move on to universities, the work force or starting a family, questioning everything is common. It is a scary step, but, with God and this new-found knowledge of life, I know everything will work out somehow.

Woods breaks records, barriers

George McKinney
managing editor

Tiger Woods played Augusta National Golf Club like a symphony. Beethoven or Mozart could not have done better. Whether driving long tee shots down the fairway like a bullet through the heart or ripping par fives apart like Cracker Jack boxes, Woods owned that stage. He broke all boundaries, creating a standard for all golfers to follow, regardless of race or age. Yet winning The Masters wasn't his greatest achievement that historic day.

The 21-year-old Woods did what no one else in the 60+ years of The Masters

Golf Tournament had done. He broke almost every record ever set at the famed golf course, becoming the youngest and first American of African and Asian descent to win the Masters. His victory is the largest (12 strokes) victory margin over the runner-up, the lowest four round score ever recorded (-18).

Woods proved a big lead would not do him in as it did Greg Norman last year. Woods showed poise in the face of immense pressure, increasing his second round lead from three shots to 12 on the final day. Yet this was nothing compared his impact on the future.

Two days shy of the 50th

anniversary of Jackie Robinson integrating major league baseball, Woods added his own name to the history books. He is the first African-American to put on the traditional green masters winners' jacket.

Woods has done for golf what Robinson did for baseball, broken into a sport white men dominated. With his success he has set a new standard for all. Whether it was God's plan for Tiger Woods to win the Masters two days before Robinson's anniversary or just simple coincidence, today the racial gap is narrower because a 21-year-old, black-Asian man dared the impossible and succeeded.

If Woods never wins an-

other tournament, the world forever will remember the day Tiger Woods tamed the beast they call Augusta.

Maymester signup
to begin Monday

Students may register for Maymester courses Monday through May 9 at the registrar's office. Classes begin May 12 and end May 30.

Students may choose classes in computer science, history, government, geography, health and kinesiology, psychology, speech, sociology, home economics and theater.

Berry encourages understanding, erasing cultural barriers

Moriah Vierkant and
Regina Rosborough
staff writers

People should try to understand different, unique ideas, people and situations that are not normally part of their lives, Dr. Bertice Berry told students, faculty and others in Gentry Gym earlier this month. Berry's voice filled the

room as she began with a spiritual song which was symbolic of establishing peace within ourselves.

"People sit in sections ... and nobody ever gets up to see what is going on in other sections," Berry said.

For the world to change we need to start changing, the sociologist said. We can not expect change from the

younger generation, because they learn from the older.

Told that she was not college material, earned masters and Ph.D. degrees by age 26. She taught at Kent State before she turned to comic lectures to spread her message of racial and cultural harmony.

Berry thought that attitudes toward

her would change once she earned her degree, but she soon realized people did not see her degree but the color of her skin.

We often use stereotypes like white men can't jump, black people are naturally talented, white people smell like wet chickens when they get wet.

Logic does not allow people to get past these stereotypes, only reaching one person and teaching one person at a time will allow us to grow out of the cycle, Berry said.

We're moving towards a more pluralistic society ... but we still have dominant and subdominant groups because there always has to be one group holding another group down, Berry said.

Berry surprised her audience with the news that the subjugated group has stereotyped myths about those who dominate society that the dominant group does not know about.

We should be able to feel good about ourselves without having to falsely put other people down, Berry said.

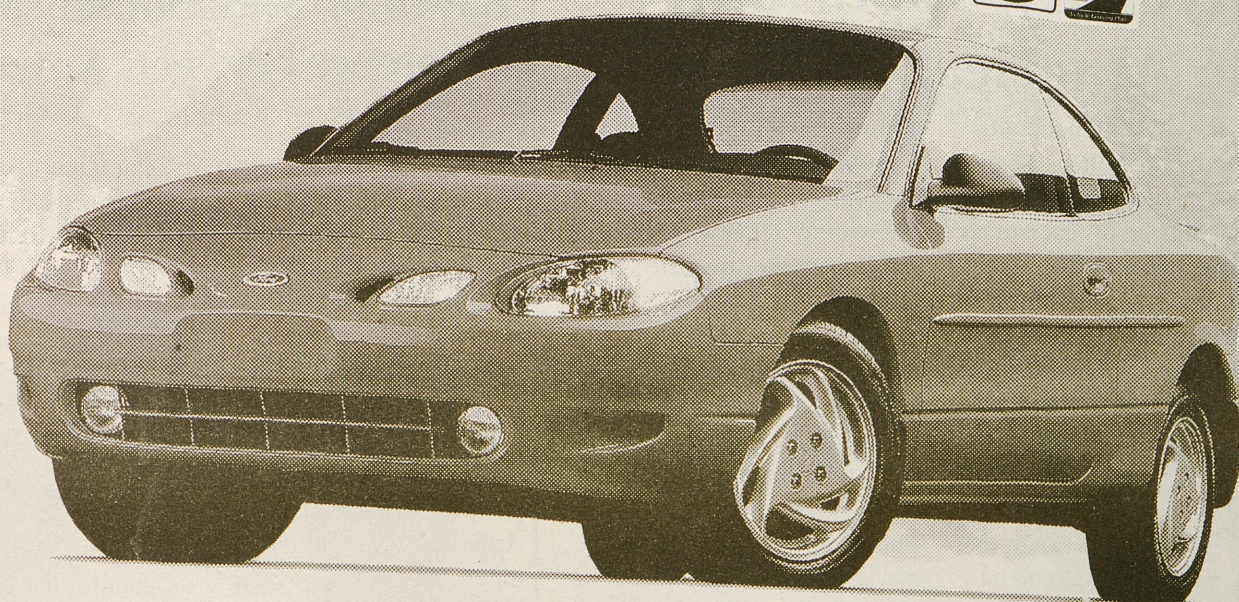
"We all have our own individual purposes in life," Berry said. "I don't need to know which color you are just how we're going to work together."

Until everybody in the world is free, she said, nobody is.

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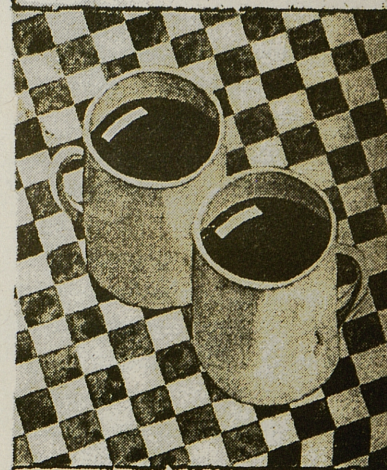
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International students share cultural

Aransa discovers, overcomes prejudice in peers

Sheree Peterson
staff writer

Students of different cultures come to America to experience the unique lifestyles. The annual International Day at TJC is a celebration of these differences as students from around the globe educate their peers about life in a foreign country.

Rana Aransa, a communications student from Egypt, worked the Egyptian and Saudi Arabian booth at the recent event. She shared statues, pamphlets and posters her home land. She also told visitors about how students spend their free time in Egypt.

Aransa came to Tyler because her parent's best friend lived here and she wanted to receive an education.

Since she arrived, her life has changed as she has been forced to deal with prejudices from others.

"People have called me a Spanish person but when I tell them I am not Spanish, they say 'you know you are and stop denying it,' and when black guys ask me out and I say no; they think it is because they are black," Aransa said.

Despite these prejudices, her life style has not changed from when she was in Egypt "In my leisure time, I like to

hang out with my friends just like I did at home," she said.

Aransa also likes to listen to Arabic, R&B and country

music. She does all these things, but she leaves time for her religion: Muslim. Aransa goes to Mosque every Friday.

Ethical ideas such as homosexuality and abortion have been become issues since she moved to America. She said much of these problems are non-existent in Egypt.

"I was never exposed to homosexuality before and I knew it was here and I hated it, and I never saw it until I came here," she said.

Aransa is also against abortion, an idea she said is firmly against her religion.

As far as future plans, Aransa would like to stay in America and complete her education. After that, she said she may return home, but she has not made a definite decision.

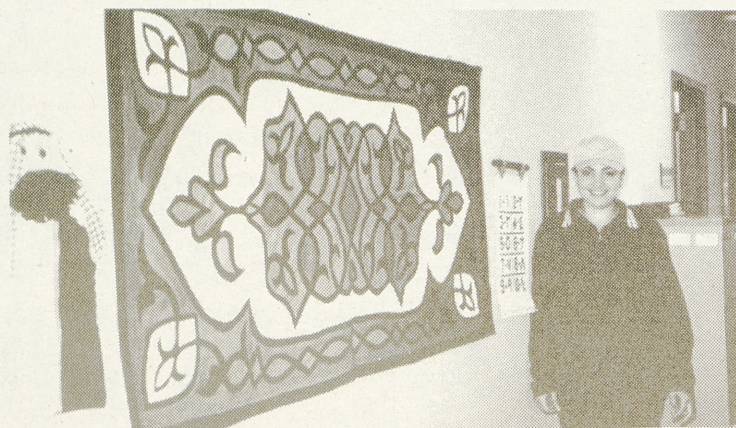
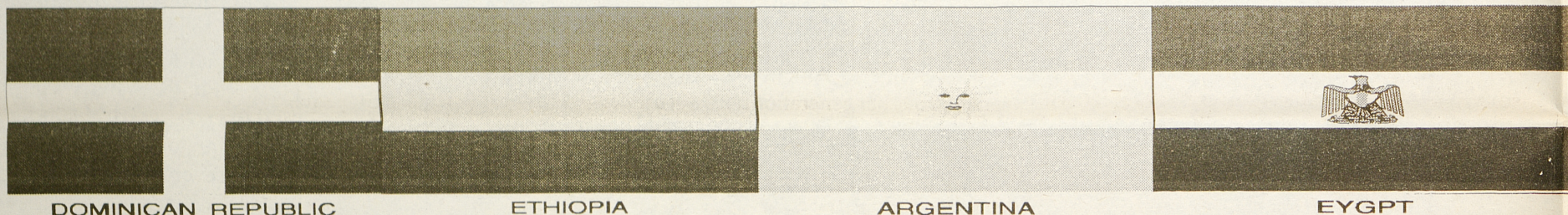


Photo by Sheree Peterson

Here we see Rana Aransa preparing her traditional exhibit for International Day festivities.



Cabrera finds diversity, opportunity best attributes to American culture

Victoria Johnson
advertising manager

Sophomore Janelle Cabrera's parents are natives of the Dominican Republic. They came to the United States before she was born.

"There are more jobs and educational opportunities here," she said.

Cabrera lived in the Dominican Republic for 3 years and visits her grandparents there often. The hardest things for Dominicans to adjust to in the United States are the language barrier and finding their way around a new place.

"In the Dominican, people walk everywhere they need to go. There are taxis in the city, but hardly anybody owns a car," Cabrera said.

Families live nearby and

help relatives with necessities like food and shelter. Growing food, building houses and raising children for each other is simply a way of life.

"There is no such thing as day care, really, because family members help care for the children," she said. "Over there you're either extremely rich or extremely poor."



Social life is not "going out" like here, she said. It is common to stay at home and visit neighbors and kin. She feels that this brings their families closer together which greatly reflects their culture's differences.

Cabrera put flags, pictures

and posters of the Dominican Republic in her International Day booth. To her the most interesting items were the ceramic dolls they made to sell to tourists.

Other than opportunity, the greatest thing about America, Cabrera said, is the diversity of people. Most everyone in the Dominican is of Spanish, African or Indian descent, she said, but in America she has met people of many different cultures and ethnicities.

Cabrera said people often ask what her nationality is. "I don't mind," she said. "It's good to know who you are and to be proud, especially when you're different."

Cabrera feels that International Day was a great opportunity for her to show what her life is like in her home country.

Ravenhill sees morality as biggest difference between Americas

Jason Harrington
staff writer

"South Americans are much more morally strict than Americans," England native Brenna Ravenhill said.

"Men are not allowed to wear hats," Ravenhill said, but people in South America "dress pretty much the same as Americans."

Women are treated with respect, but they are a bit subservient, she said.

Ravenhill's parents moved to America when she was sixteen and after completing her senior year at Van High School, she decided to further her education at TJC.

Ravenhill is familiar with

Paraguay and Argentina and thus was in charge of that International Day booth.

There she displayed currency, arts and crafts, "nanduti" a lace-weaving, wooden carved mugs and leather bags.

In her free time she reads about other countries, business, and literature.

Ravenhill plans to finish her degree here and continue studying in business and finance and then earn a Ph. D in Ireland.

In the future, she intends to return to South America and continue her parents' business of investing in commodities.



differences between America, home

Abate describes Ethiopia as a 'great place to live'

Jeff Sprick
graphics manager

Many international students were involved in making International Day a memorable event this year. Deste Abate was one such student. She set up a booth and exhibition showing the food, music and all around way of life in her Ethiopian home.

Abate traveled to America to experience the life and culture first hand. She is an Ethiopian native majoring in nursing. Abate plans to continue and get her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing.

Abate, 25, found out about TJC from a friend who had visited here several years ago. She then started to find out more about the college and then decided to make this her "American home."

Abate said she has enjoyed her stay at TJC. She likes the campus and finds the faculty very helpful.

"I enjoy Tyler, but the city really doesn't have enough activities for the younger people," she said.

Abate explained some of the similarities of leisure time between American and Ethiopian cul-

tures. "In my free time I enjoy getting with friends and talking and going places like the beach and the movies. I also enjoyed going out of town to visit other churches and traditional places," Abate said.

Most people in Ethiopia belong to the Ethiopian Orthodox church which Abate also follows. She explained their religion makes them who they are.

"Our religion is linked to our culture, it makes up who we are as a people," Abate said. The shoes are usually taken off and more traditional dress is worn to show respect.

Abate said some American problems are different from those in her country. In Ethiopia, there are ethnic feuds which have ties to the politics of the country. She said such problems are holding back her country.

Drugs are not as much of a problematic situation in Ethiopia as they are here, she said.

"I never heard of drugs when I was younger. My mother told me to never take any drugs from anyone when I came to America," Abate said. She also pointed out her generation does not use drugs, but the

younger ones are starting to adopt them and it could be a problem.

Abate explained how her government works. She described it as a "fake democracy" which has some hidden agendas. She said freedom of the press is existent but government officials still try to control people and what they write. She said have to be cautious about what they say.

Abate described the land where she spend most of her young life saying it is "a place in which beauty is found everywhere I look."

"Many people just think my country is dry and just has a desert. That really isn't what it's like at all, Ethiopia is very beautiful and quite a great place to live," Abate said.

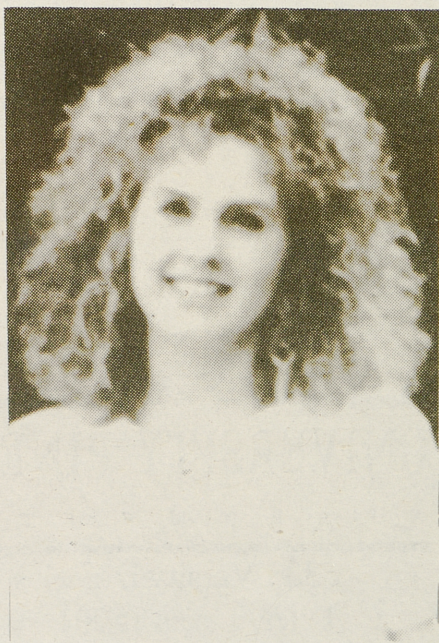
Abate had posters at her International Day exhibit and she wore her traditional dress which is similar to what she described them wearing to church. She also had some native foods and her country's flag. Visitors were able to experience a traditional coffee ceremony which has been in existence for years.

When you give help you give hope

Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Foster salutes
Volunteers of the Year



Trinity Crawford



Laura Fulgham



Marie Kelley



Robert Nicholson

Nurses to give injections

Hepatitis B vaccine injections will be given from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. May 1 and May 5 in the Vocational Nurse Lab, Pirtle T252. These are third in the series which costs \$100. Students must show cashier's receipt to verify payment at time of inoculations.

28 give blood

Twenty-eight donors gave blood early this month in the campus drive. "The annual drives keep blood available for students and faculty and restock the Shriner Burn Unit in Galveston," Student Activities Director Scott Nalley said.

"We received 28 pints today," Stewart Blood Center driver John Jackson said, "last year the blood drive gained 60 pints."

"I gave blood because I was able. I felt other people could use it," freshman Jessica Green said.

Sophomore paramedic major Aaron Goodwin said he gave blood because he works in a hospital and sees many people who need it.

Asia Washington
page editor

Campus living gives students a room near classes, suitemates, a roommate and paid-for meals. Yet students surveyed agree campus dorm life has more disadvantages than advantages.

Claridge Hall freshman Traci Carraway said, "Away from home you experience becoming an adult first-hand [while you] make ... friends."

"But you miss your family and close friends, and must live with people you don't know and adapt to their behavior and habits," Carraway said. It costs more than living at home.

"You meet a lot of people from different backgrounds and cultures," Claridge Hall sophomore Kim Gross said. "Having a roommate gives you someone to talk to when you need them," Gross said. She dislikes the room limits.

Claridge Hall freshman Devin Jackson likes what seem like freebies. "You don't have to buy meals daily because they are paid for (in a lump sum) and phone service and cable are free," he said.

"But you give up your privacy and boys are not allowed in the rooms, Jackson said.

"You have privacy, you can cook your own food ... and have full-size freezer. You don't have to use a code to get in after 11 p.m., but you have to drive to classes," Freshman Monica Scott said.

Men have fewer complaints.

Lewis Hall resident Lonnie Heslip II likes dorm life because, "You get to eat free and, despite the no women in the room rule, I get to sneak a

girl in my room."

"You can't have visitors of the opposite sex in your room, [but] suite-mates can help you out and you can use their phone," Vaughn Hall freshman DeCedric Crosby said.

Hudnall Hall freshman Jauron Isaac said, "You are close to campus activities and friends and you don't have to get up as early to get to class."

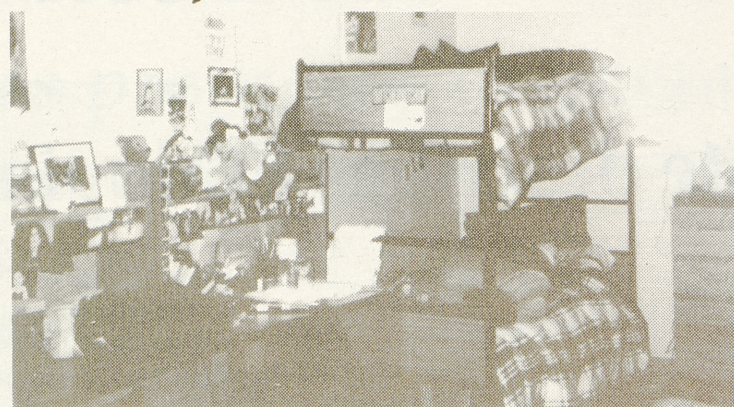


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Two share typical dorm room and decorate it to suit their tastes.



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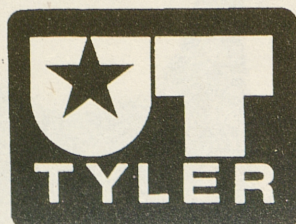
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We are deeply grateful to our TJC family and friends for your expressions of love during the loss of our loved one. Your thoughts, prayers and kindness have brought comfort and strength to us. We sincerely appreciate your visits, flowers, cards, food, love offering and other remembrances. May God bless each of you.

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Head coach Rike resigns

Basketball coach moves to Memphis

Jason Campbell
sports editor

TJC men's basketball coach Fred Rike has announced his resignation. The announcement came this week, TJC athletic director John Peterson said. Rike has been selected to serve as the assistant coach at the University of Memphis, a school that competes in Conference USA and produced NBA All-Star Anfernee Hardaway.

"Coach Rike is one of the bright young coaches in the business and I expect we'll see him as one of the Division I head coaches in the very near future," Peterson said in announcing Rike's resignation.

"He's certainly a quality person and an outstanding example of excellence in athletics. We'll miss him at TJC, but we have a great program and we'll move quickly to hire a qualified coach, one who will be prepared to begin recruiting for next season immediately," Peterson said.

Peterson said he hopes a new head coach can be selected within the next months.

Rike, who was South Plains Player of the Year and academic all-state at Tulia High



School, played for TJC from 1985-87 and was All-Texas Eastern Conference in 1987.

Rike served as a graduate assistant to coach Roy Thomas at TJC from 1990-93 and then moved to Ruston, La. where he was the assistant men's basketball coach at Louisiana Tech University in 1993-94.

As Apaches head coach from 1994-97, Rike compiled a 61-32 record. His team finished 27-9 last season, winning the Texas Eastern Conference and the Region XIV

and State titles before being eliminated at the national tournament.

He started out this season with the Apaches as the top ranked team in the nation and finished the season 20-10. Lee College upset them in the opening round of the Region XIV tournament in Waco.

"I loved it here and I'm going to miss it," Rike said. "I would like to thank Dr. Billy Jack Doggett (former TJC athletic director) for hiring me, and also Dr. Crowe and Coach Peterson for showing me support." Rike moves to Memphis with his wife Kimberley and their 15 month old daughter, Allie Katherine.

Cheerleaders raise \$284

The Apache Cheerleaders sponsored a benefit basketball game last Tuesday at Wagstaff Gymnasium.

The game featured members of the Smith County Sheriff's Department against members of local media with the media winning.

The cheerleaders raised \$284, which will go to their fund.

Apaches ink recruits

The TJC Apache Ladies Basketball team signed 5 recruits for next season.

Tawanda Barnes from Corpus Christi King, Barnes, 5'8", averaged 12 points, 6 rebounds and 5 steals per game while being selected first team All-State.

Stacy Goudeau, 5'9" from Aldine Nimitz, averaged 15 points, 4 assists and 5 steals per game and was selected first team Greater Houston and second team All-State.

Kim Van, 5'11" from Shreveport, averaged 19 points and 13 rebounds per game and was selected All-Shreveport.

Artisha Roland, 6'5" from Shelbyville, averaged 16 points and 10 rebounds per game and was on the All-District Team.

Angie Griffin, 6'0" from Lindale, averaged 16 points and 9 rebounds per game and was chosen All-East Texas.

Apache hoopsters move up

Jason Campbell
sports editor

Men's head basketball coach Fred Rike won't be going to the University of Memphis on his own. Apache standout Jermaine Ousley will be traveling to Tennessee with Rike as he signed a letter of intent for the Tigers. Ousley is one of six Apaches recruited to Division I schools.

The 6'8" forward from Milwaukee, Wis. averaged 14

points and 10 rebounds per game this season and was second team All-TEC.

Other players moving to the next level are Apaches Rob Turner who signed with the Indiana Hoosiers. Turner, a 6'4" guard from Wilmington, Del., joins Bobby Knight's team coming off a superb year as he led the Apaches in scoring with 21 points per game and was first team All-TEC despite a late-season injury.

Tony Mayfield, a 6'0" guard from Milwaukee, is also headed to Division I as he signed with Purdue. Mayfield led the team in assists with 6 per game, and averaged 10 points per contest while shooting a team best 83 percent from the foul line and being chosen to the All-TEC third team.

Steven Eldridge, from LaPoyner, and Mexia's Jeffrey Gibson are headed for Baylor, and Natanya, Israel's Eliran

Guetta is being looked at by Southern Arkansas.

Apache Ladies Jessica Barnes, guard/forward from Silsbee, signed a letter of intent for Lamar University. Barnes averaged 9 points and 3 rebounds per game.

Heather Smith, a 6'2" post from Gary, Texas signed a letter of intent for Kansas State. Smith averaged 7 points and pulled down 165 boards for the Apache Ladies.

New athletic facilities to open

George McKinney
managing editor

TJC officials and special guests broke ground April 9 on a new multi-purpose athletic facility made possible by a generous \$400,000 donation by Mr. and Mrs. B.G. Hartley. The field will be named in memory of their son Pat who died May 29, 1996.

"The college has been looking at this (soccer field) for 10 to 12 years this," B.G. Hartley said. "It is what we wanted to do. He and his sister are an important part of our life. We wanted to perpetuate his name,"

Hartley said.

This will provide the first regulation size soccer field in Tyler to be used by the Apaches, Robert E. Lee and John Tyler High School soccer teams, as well as others.

"I hope they will use it everyday and think of a guy named Pat Hartley when they do," Hartley

said.

In addition a full-sized football practice field and a track will be constructed plus lighting, bleachers for both fields

and a brick and concrete commemorative marker.

"It's tremendous in the memory of their son," Ath-

letic Director John Peterson said.

Major work will begin in mid-May. The athletic complex will be constructed on the east end of campus at the corner of Adair Street and Palmer Avenue. The project will cover the creek and drainage culvert which separates the Palmer Street from the existing football practice field.

Once the culvert is covered, the practice field will be lowered and extended across the culvert, Brian Turman purchasing and central services director said.

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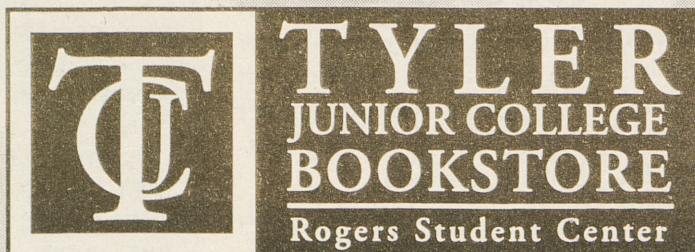
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